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## 'Twas the night before Reagan

'Twas the night before Reagan, when all  
through the House  
And specially in the Senate not even a  
mouse  
Could list the big cheeses in the whole new  
batch,  
Such as Labor Committee chairman Orrin  
Hatch  
Or the next voice you hear when you ring  
your Don Arneche  
For the Budget Committee head, Pete V.  
Domenici.

So our stockings are hung in hopes they  
will fill,  
Not only with names from Capitol Hill,  
But with all who may get a Washington  
lease  
Under presidential counsel Edwin Meese.  
And don't forget that transition team all  
snug in their beds,  
While visions of cabinet plums dance in  
their heads.

It's true that the forecasts remain a little  
vague  
But "sources" keep bringing up Alexander  
Haig  
And other alumni from administrations  
past  
Instead of the expected brand new cast.  
But there are some other names the gov-  
ernment phone book may be listin'  
Such as possible secretary of the treasury  
Walter B. Wriston  
And William French Smith, Mr. Reagan's  
personal lawyer,  
An attorney general who wouldn't be kept  
waiting in the foyer.  
Or there could be a change at the CIA, see?  
Maybe campaign chieftain William J.  
Casey.  
And some say the secretary of transporta-  
tion's shoe is  
On the foot of a Pennsylvanian named  
Drew Lewis.  
With Richard Schweiker, who is also from  
Penn.,  
Mentioned for a post, we wonder what then  
For William Scranton, a third from  
Pennsylvania?  
His absence from the press's speculation-  
mania  
Is like that of Elliot Richardson and some  
other GOP voices  
Who could hardly be overlooked before the  
final choices.  
But we digress in the age of Bill Brock.  
Who may go to Commerce while Agricul-  
ture goes to John Block.

As for those who are already home free,  
Here are some names we find under  
the tree.

If not a baker's dozen there's a Baker  
times two,  
Majority leader Howard and James, chief  
of the White House crew.

And note the Senate committee chairmen  
to put on the roll,

Such as Environment's Robert Stafford  
and Finance's Robert Dole.

Just to add to the bubbling Republican  
broth

Governmental Affairs will have William V.  
Roth.

Tilling Agriculture's far-flung realms  
Will be the man at the tiller, Jesse Helms,  
While Energy's Idaho dynamo, as it were,  
Comes under the name of James A.  
McClure.

And Foreign Relations will be at the tender  
mercy

Of Illinois internationalist Charles H.  
Percy.

Closing the door of Banking's barn  
Before the horses are stolen will be the job  
of Jake Garn.

And to make Armed Services flourish and  
flower

Hopes will ride high on John G. Tower.

On Appropriations Mr. Hatfield will sign  
his Mark,

While Mr. Thurmond will Strom the Judi-  
ciary strings from dawn to dark.

In the Commerce Committee any Demo-  
cratic attack would

Be repelled by Oregon's not Robert but  
plain Bob Packwood.

And at Veterans Affairs an ex-GI looking  
for a pal

Will find Alan K. Simpson - "You know  
me, Al."

The long line of names spirals out of our  
sight,

So for now, Happy Reagan, and to all a  
good night!